

Paul S. Diamond, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Mitchell S. Goldberg, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

C. Darnell Jones II, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Carolyn P. Short, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Joel H. Slomsky, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Gene E. K. Pratter, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, which was sent to the Senate on November 15, 2007.

Carolyn P. Short, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, which was sent to the Senate on November 15, 2007.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:15 p.m., until 9:15 a.m. on Friday, July 25, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7433.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IRAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on Iran from Dolores A. Powers, Deputy Iran Mission Manager, Alan R. Pino, National Intelligence Officer for the Near East, and William J. Keller, Deputy National Intelligence Officer for Weapons of Mass Destruction, all of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Jeffrey D. Feltman, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; and James R. Clapper, Jr., Under Secretary for Intelligence, Michael G. Vickers, Assistant Secretary for Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict and Interdependent Capabilities, and Lieutenant General Carter F. Ham, USA, Director, J-3 Operations Directorate, Joint Chiefs of Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

CAYMAN ISLANDS AND OFFSHORE TAX ISSUES

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Cayman Islands, focusing on offshore tax issues, including the nature and extent of United States persons' involvement with U.S. House registered entities and the nature of such business, the reasons that U.S. persons conduct business in the Cayman Islands, information available to the U.S. government regarding U.S. persons' Cayman activities, and the U.S. government's compliance and enforcement efforts, after receiving testimony from Michael Brostek, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Frank Ng, Commissioner, Large and Mid-Sized Businesses, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; and Jack A. Blum, Baker and Hostetler, Washington, D.C.

HIGHWAY PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine tax and financing aspects of highway public-private partnerships, including the benefits, costs, and trade-offs of highway public-private partnerships, the ways public officials have identified and acted to protect the public interest in these arrangements, and the federal role in highway public-private partnerships and potential changes in this role, after receiving testimony from Edward D. Kleinbard, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation; Jayetta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Pat Choate, Manufacturing Policy Project, Washington, Virginia; Linda E. Carlisle, White and Case LLP, Washington, D.C.; and Dennis J. Enright, NW Financial, Jersey City, New Jersey.

IMPROVING FEDERAL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine ways to improve federal program management using performance information, after receiving testimony from Bernice Steinhardt, Director, Strategic

Issues, Government Accountability Office; Marcus C. Peacock, Deputy Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Jim Dyer, Chief Financial Officer and Performance Improvement Officer, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Scott Pace, Associate Administrator for Program Analysis and Evaluation, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA); Daniel A. Tucker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Budget; Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley, Annapolis; and Donald F. Kettl, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

TRIBAL COURTS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine tribal courts and the administration of justice in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Pat Ragsdale, Director, Office of Justice Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Joe Little, Associate Deputy Director, Office of Justice Services-Division of Tribal Justice Support, both of the Department of the Interior; Roman J. Duran, Jicarilla Apache Nation Courts, Albuquerque, New Mexico, on behalf of the National American Indian

Court Judges Association; Joseph Thomas Flies-Away, Hualapai Judiciary, Peach Springs, Arizona; Theresa M. Pouley, Tulalip Tribal Court Judge, Tulalip, Washington, on behalf of the Northwest Tribal Court Judges Association; John St. Clair, Shoshone and Arapaho Tribal Court of the Wind River Indian Reservation, Fort Washakie, Wyoming; and Dorma L. Sahneyah, Hopi Tribal Chief Prosecutor, Kykotsmovi, Arizona.

CRIMES ASSOCIATED WITH POLYGAMY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine crimes associated with polygamy, focusing on the need for a coordinated state and federal response, after receiving testimony from Senator Reid; Gregory A. Brower, United States Attorney, District of Nevada, and Brett L. Tolman, United States Attorney, District of Utah, both of the Department of Justice; Terry Goddard, Arizona Attorney General, Phoenix; Greg Abbott, Texas Attorney General, Austin; Stephen Singular, Denver, Colorado; Dan Fischer, Sandy, Utah; and Carolyn Jessop, West Jordan, Utah.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 6593–6598, 6600–6624; 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 396; and H. Res. 1373–1380 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2780, to amend section 8339(p) of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the method for computing certain annuities under the Civil Service Retirement System which are based on part-time service, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–770);

H.R. 6388, to provide additional authorities to the Comptroller General of the United States, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–771);

H.R. 674, to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the provision of law requiring termination of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans as of December 31, 2009 (H. Rept. 110–772);

H.R. 2192, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an Ombudsman within the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–773);

H.R. 4255, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs

to provide assistance to the Paralympic Program of the United States Olympic Committee, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–774);

H.R. 6599, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009 (H. Rept. 110–775);

H.R. 4806, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a strategy to prevent the overclassification of homeland security and other information and to promote the sharing of unclassified homeland security and other information, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–776); and

H.R. 5983, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the information security of the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–777).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Kelly D. McInerney, Bible Baptist Church, Wilmington, Ohio.

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